



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

July 13, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Standing on the Promises" *arr. Darrell V. Archer*
Pianist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Siyahamba" *arr. Henry Leck*
(South African Freedom Song)

South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale

Directed by Lacey Franzen & Drew Peterson, Accompanied by Mary Plock

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni

We are marching, marching we are marching,

kwenkos Siyahamba

(ooh) marching

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

The breath of God moved across the waters to bring purpose to the world.

It brought life to the lungs of Adam and Eve.

It carried peace to the disciples when they were filled with fear.

The breath of God moves even still.

To the faithful, it brings new hope.

To the righteous, it brings new words.

To those open to it, the breath of God brings new life.

Let us fling wide the windows of our hearts.

OPENING SONG "Come, Walk with Me" *Suzanne Lord*

Come, walk with me, and I'll show you a world
that is mine!

There are rainbows and mountains to climb! O,
come, walk with me!

Please take my hand! If we hurry, this moment
may be full of magic

For you and for me! O, come, walk with me!

That tiny brook is singing her song. She
whispers a melody, cheering

Us both along! Hear her song! Stop in your
tracks and look to the sky,

As clouds paint us pictures right here before
our eyes! See the sky!

Won't you come, come walk with me? and I'll
show you a world that

is mine? There are rainbows and mountains to
climb! O, come walk with me!

Please take my hand. This moment may be full
of magic for you and for me!

O' come walk with me! Come walk with me!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, O God, we don't realize how stale the air has become. We don't notice how badly we need to open our hearts and minds so that they may be filled with fresh compassion and new insights. We don't recognize the repetitive and insular nature of our routines and our lives. We think we have found all the answers and don't believe there are any new questions to ask. Forgive us, O God, and open a window while you are at it. Let your renewing breath fill our lungs once more.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What staleness may God be inviting you to refresh?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Breathe in and fill your lungs.

We fill them with the breath of God.

Breathe in and know God's forgiveness and love.

We are filled with the new life God offers.



RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BAPTISM

Adam James Brooks

Parents: Tracy & Kenny Brooks

Godparents: Kristan & Jesse Manske

(While the family is coming forward, children in the congregation are invited to gather around the baptismal font as well. The congregation may sing “Jesus Loves Me” as everyone finds their places.)

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, “We do.” ***We do.***

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM SONG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bring to us, O God, from years long past and hopes not yet known, your wisdom, truth, and understanding. Open our ears, eyes, and hearts to your words this day. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 1:1-5

LANGENBERG MUSIC

“The Happy Stream”

Giuliani

Maddie Koepf

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 2:4-7

MESSAGE

Do These Windows Open?

***HYMN**

**“Spirit, Open My Heart”
Carter Pursley, Song Leader**

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

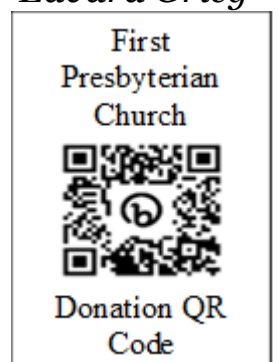
OFFERTORY

**“In the Hall of the Mountain King”
Caleb Schukei**

Edvard Grieg

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

To you, O God, we bring these gifts. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE**

"We Are the Church"

Avery & Marsh

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place; the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church
together!***

POSTLUDE

"Give Thanks"

arr. Roger House

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. G. Paul Charlton by friends.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #5) Captain- Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Justin Brader, Julie Thomsen

GREETERS

July Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
13	Kay Georgiana	Paula Crozier
20	Lesa & Steve Cropley	Amy & Joe Black
27	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Jan Ham

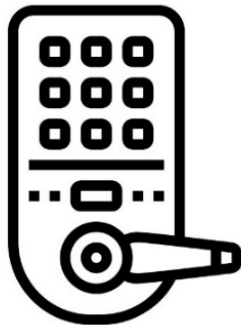


"Young Woman at a Window" by Salvador Dalí
1925 Oil on paper



ENVISIONING *God's Word*

A Sermon Series of
First Presbyterian Church
July 13 - August 17



Door Codes

Our door code system has been updated on our church, kitchen, and PEACE Center doors. You will now need your own individual code to access the church after hours. If you need to access the kitchen door or the PEACE Center, please contact the church office to get a code.

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.



- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

July 19, 2025

S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

July Means Open Table at FPC
Open Table 2025
Sack Lunch Program

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

Join our congregation in fellowship and service as we celebrate our 22nd year of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. For those of you that are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community-wide program providing free daily sack lunches Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Lunches are distributed from the Catholic Social Service Office. Beginning Sunday, July 6th, we will be assembling about 1200 lunches on Sundays preceding or immediately following both Sunday worship services until we have completed our donations. In addition to Sunday morning assembly, we need drivers to transport sandwiches and sacks to Catholic Social Services when we finish on Sunday. This tradition in our church has been a blessing both for the people receiving the lunches and the people preparing them. We have continuously supported this community-wide program every July since its inception.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Tailgate

HASTINGS SODBUSTERS

Sunday, July 20
5:30pm picnic at Harms Park
6:30pm first pitch @ Duncan Field
\$5.00/ticket (includes meal)
Tickets available at church starting June 29 and in the office

Sodbusters & Tailgate

The graphic features a large baseball in the center with the text "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" and "Tailgate" curved around it. To the right, there are several circular photos of people, likely players and staff, arranged in a cluster. At the bottom left, there is a smaller baseball with the text "Sodbusters & Tailgate" curved around it. The main text "HASTINGS SODBUSTERS" is written in a large, bold, red font across the middle. Below this, the event details are listed in black text.

Sunday 7/13	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:30am-10:30am	Open Table Lunch Packing	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Open Table Lunch Packing	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 7/14	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/15	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/16	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 7/17	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	Basement Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 7/18	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 7/19	9:45am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
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	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5:30pm 6:30pm	Sodbusters Outing Picnic Sodbusters Outing Game	Harms Park Duncan Field



Worship in the Park

**July 13, 20, 27
August 3, 10, 17**

**9:00 a.m.
Alexander Park**

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

FPC PRESENTS

ELEMENTARY MOVIE CLUB

5-7PM

In-coming Kindergarten - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.

JUNE 1

JULY 6

AUG 3

PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147

FREE
EVENT

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Janelle Baideme
Nadine Hunnicutt
Jim Harrenstein
Eli Struss
Carole Pedersen

Mary Lewis
Judd Carrier
Charlene Cebell
Alyssa Donley
Nathan Lunstrum
Nytha & Dave Glass
Mary & Ken Fisk
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Darlene Payne
Greg Howard
Monte Malouf

Lexi Longshore
Don & Marie Rasmussen
Willis Horton
Pam Canady
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Zsuzsanna Fazakas

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Interim Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
**Director of Children & Family
Ministries:** Rose Koepp
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey